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SUBJECT: VISIT OF AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS OFFICIAL,
AL LOEWENTHAL

1. AL LOEWENTHAL, ASSISTANT TO ALBERT SHANKER, PRESIDENT
OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS (AFT) WILL VISIT
ADDRESSEE POSTS TO MEET WITH NATIONAL TEACHER UNION LEADERS.
AFT IS AFFILIATE OF AFL-CIO (SHANKER IS AN AFL-CIO VICE
PRESIDENT) AND OF BRUSSELS-BASED INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION
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OF FREE TEACHERS' UNIONS (IFFTU).

2. MAJOR PART OF TRIP IS PART OF AFL-CIO/AFRICAN-AMERICAN
LABOR CENTER (AALC)/IFFTU JOINT PROGRAM TO PROMOTE DEVELOP-
MENT OF DEMOCRATIC TEACHERS' UNIONS IN AFRICA. PURPOSE OF
VISITS IS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION RE: UNION'S NEEDS, CON-
DITIONS, MEMBERSHIPS, RULES, ADMINISTRATION AND MEANS BY

WHICH AFT, AALC AND IFFTU CAN ASSIST. DURING AFRICAN PORTION OF TRIP LOWENTHAL WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MICHAEL SENOO, IFFTU AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVE BASED IN ACCRA. MADRID STOP HAS SIMILAR OBJECTIVES.

3. THIS IS LOEWENTHAL'S FIRST VISIT TO AFRICA AND REFLECTS GROWING INTEREST OF AFL-CIO AFFILIATES IN AFRICAN LABOR AFFAIRS. TRAVEL AND HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS AND LOCAL CONTACTS

ESTABLISHED BY AFT AND AALC. EXCEPT FOR MONROVIA AALC ASSURING THAT LOCAL CONTACTS WILL MEET UPON ARRIVAL. HOWEVER, LOEWENTHAL WOULD APPRECIATE BRIEFING BY EMBASSY LABOR OFFICER EARLY ON IN VISIT ON LOCAL LABOR SITUATION, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF NATIONAL TRADE UNION CENTERS AND TEACHERS UNIONS. LOEWENTHAL WILL CALL LABOR OFFICER AFTER ARRIVAL BUT OFFICER MAY WISH TO INITIATE CONTACT. OTHER APPROPRIATE COURTESIES WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

4. LOEWENTHAL ITINERARY AND LOCAL TEACHERS' UNION CONTACTS AS FOLLOWS:

JAN. 15 ARR. ACCRA 0845, PA 198 - HOTEL AVENIDA
E.T. ASHLEY, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN TEACHERS AND EDUCATIONAL WORKERS UNION.
T.A. BEDIAKO, GENSEC GHANA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS
MICHAEL K. SENOO, DEPUTY GENSEC NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
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TEACHERS AND IFFTU AFRICAN REP.

JAN. 20 DEP ACCRA 10:45 GH 542 - ARR. FREETOWN 1:15
CAPE SIERRA OR PARAMOUNT HOTELS
TAMBA ENTUA YAMBASU, GENSEC SIERRA LEONE TEACHERS' UNION.

JAN. 24 DEP. FREETOWN GH 541 - 11:30 - ARR. MONROVIA 13:15
(PRESENTLY UNCONFIRMED) DUCOR HOTEL
MRS. FLORENCE RICKS-BING, PRES. NATIONAL TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF LIBERIA, P.O. BOX 155, GREENVILLE, SINOE COUNTY.

JAN. 27 - DEP. MONROVIA 10:40 PA 184 - ARR. NAIROBI 21:55
HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL WITH NEW STANLEY AS BACKUP.
AMBROSE ADEYA ADONGO, GENSEC KENYA NATIONAL UNION OF TEACHERS.

JAN. 30 - DEP. NAIROBI 15:00 KQ 131 - ARR. LUSAKA 17:20
HOTEL RIDGEWAY (CITY CENTRE)
SHIYENGE KAPINI, GENSEC ZAMBIA NATIONAL UNION OF TEACHERS - LUSAKA

FEB. 2 - DEP. LUSAKA 21:30, QZ 545

FEB 3. ARR. ROME 04:55 - DEP. ROME 08:10 AZ 366 - ARR.

MADRID 10:20- HOTEL RITZ

JOAQUIN RISCO ACEDO, GENSEC FETE-UGT

FEB. 5 - DEP MADRID 0055 IB 951.

5. FOR MONROVIA, PROCTOR: IN KUDLA ABSENCE, IF FEASIBLE
WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING LOEWENTHAL AND SENOO MET UPON
ARRIVAL. CHRISTOPHER

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